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Nicholas F. Taubman U.S. Ambassador to Romania



Nicholas F. Taubman was confirmed as U.S. Ambassador to Romania on October 28, 2005. A long time businessman, Ambassador Taubman served as President of Mozart Investments of Roanoke, Virginia. Previously he was Chairman and Director of Advance Auto Parts. Ambassador Taubman has a distinguished record of public service, including serving as a member of the Roanoke City Council; President and Director of the Roanoke Valley Chamber of Commerce; Director of Roanoke Valley Industries and the Roanoke Merchants Association; President of the Automotive Associates, Rochester, New York; Director

of the Alliance Tire & Rubber Company in Hadera, Israel.

Adrian Cosmin Vierita Romanian Ambassador to the United States



Adrian Vierita was confirmed as Ambassador to the United States on December 5, 2007. Prior to his current assignment, Adrian Vierita served as State Secretary for European Affairs with the Romanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Ambassador Vierita is a career member of the Diplomatic Corps of Romania. He held various executive positions with the Romanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and served

as Ambassador to Germany. Postings abroad have lent him broad experience in international relations coordination, Black Sea security cross-border trafficking in persons and crime.

Viorel Onel Minister Counselor for Economic Affairs, Romanian Embassy, Washington D.C.



Viorel Onel was appointed as Minister Counselor for Economic Affairs at the Romanian Embassy in Washington DC in 2005. Prior to his appointment, he served as a Minister Counselor and Deputy Consul General of Romania in Chicago (2002-2004) and in New York City (1999- 2002), responsible for bilateral trade and investment. From December 2004 -June 2005, he was the Director of the Division for the Americas within the Romanian Ministry of

Economy and Commerce, and between 1992-1996, he served as Minister Counselor for Economic Affairs at the Romanian Embassy in Ottawa. Prior to joining the Foreign Service of the Romanian Department for Foreign Trade, Viorel was a senior economist specializing in international trade with the Government; he held various positions with increasing importance with the Government including Chief of Staff to the Prime Minister of Romania 1991-1992.

Cindy Biggs Commercial Attaché – U.S. Commercial Service, US Embassy, Romania



Cindy Biggs was appointed as the US Embassy's Commercial Attaché in July 2005. Prior to joining the Foreign Commercial Service in 2003, Cindy spent more than two decades in Brazil, Mexico and Venezuela, where she worked for Kellogg's and the US Embassy of Venezuela. ABC News in the U.S. and Venezuela employed Cindy for a total of 13 years. Her career in the Foreign Commercial Service has taken her to Monterrey, Mexico and Bucharest, Romania.

Anca Harasim Executive Director of the American Chamber of Commerce in Romania



Anca Harasim is the Executive Director of the American Chamber of Commerce in Romania and Vice-President of Harvard Club Romania-Moldova. Anca contributed to the design of Cernavoda Nuclear Power Plant, the first NPP in Romania. She served as the Executive Director of the Soros Foundation for an Open Society, Fulbright Commission and AmCham Romania.

Silviu Hotaran General Manager Microsoft Romania



Silviu Hotaran began his career in Microsoft as a General Manager of Microsoft Romania. Silviu was appointed General Manager of Microsoft South-East Europe. Silviu was a researcher at the Research Institute for Computer Technique in Bucharest. He went on to become the General Manager of Ciel Romania, an accounting software producer.

Cristian Colteanu General Electric, Regional Executive for Romania, Bulgaria & Republic of Moldova



Cristian Colteanu joined GE as Regional Executive for Romania, Bulgaria and the Republic of Moldova in 2007. Cristian served as Ambassador to several countries. Cristian has vast experience in the governmental sector as Secretary of State or National Coordinator of the Stability Pact for Southeast Europe. Cristian also worked as representative of the Ansaldo Group of Companies in Bucharest.

Shahmir Khaliq Citigroup Country Officer



Shahmir Khaliq was appointed Citigroup Country Officer with Citibank Romania in early 2006. Having joined Citigroup in 1991, Shahmir has held various senior positions within the Corporate and Investment Bank in Pakistan, Belgium and the UK, before moving to Romania.

Mihaela Mitroi Partner, Tax & Legal Services PricewaterhouseCoopers Romania



Mihaela Mitroi is a Board Member of the Romanian Chamber of Tax Consultants, the Chamber of Auditors, the Romanian Chartered Accountant, and the Independent External Censor. Mihaela joined PricewaterhouseCoopers Romania in 1997 and became a Partner in 2004. Currently, she has a high profile portfolio of clients, serving both multinational and Romanian companies.